

Appendix C. Detailed analysis of final dimethoate action area and overlap of action area with CRLF core areas and critical habitat

C.1. Currently registered uses of dimethoate

Dimethoate is nationally registered for over 40 uses in agriculture and ornamental production (Table C.1) Dimethoate use on non-cropland areas adjacent to vineyards is permitted according to a special local needs label (SLN # CA-970003) and is relevant only to Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties in northern California.

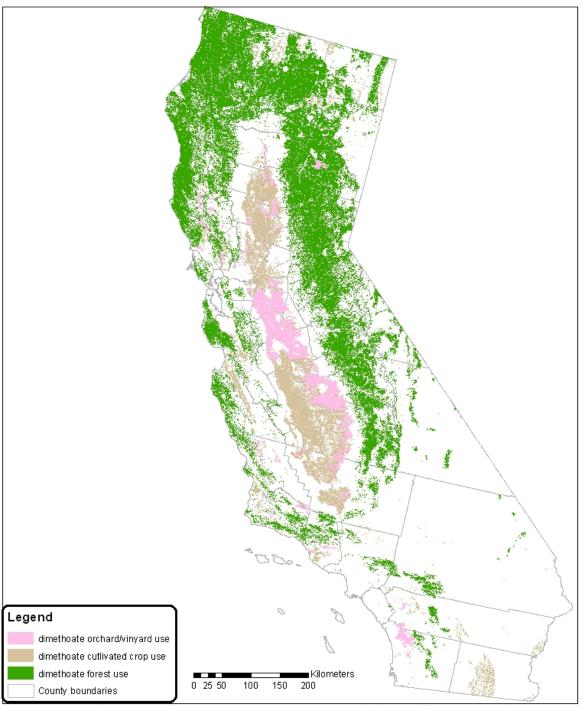
Table C.1. Dimethoate uses.

Landcover Category	Use
Cultivated Crops	alfalfa, beans, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cotton, endive (escarole), field corn, garbanzo beans, grass for seed, herbaceous ornamentals, honeydew, kale, kohlrabi, lentils, lettuce, lupine, melon, mustard greens, peas, peppers, popcorn, potatoes, safflower, sainfoin, sorghum, soybeans, Swiss chard, tomatoes, triticale, turnips, wheat
Orchards/Vineyards	pears, pecans, citrus, conifer seed orchards, cottonwood, non-cropland areas adjacent to vineyards
Forestry	conifer seed orchards, cottonwood

C.2. Determination of Initial Area of Concern

After determining which uses will be assessed from label information, an evaluation of the potential 'footprint' of use patterns is determined. The 'footprint' includes all areas within the state of California where the pesticide could be applied. The footprint of potential use represents the chemical's initial area of concern, and is typically based on available land cover data. Uses that are not represented through available land cover data are not displayed spatially, as their extent cannot be defined using existing categories of land cover classes (*e.g.* dumpsters). The initial area of concern map for dimethoate is depicted below. Uses of dimethoate fall into two landcover categories: cultivate crops and orchards/vineyards/forestry (Table C.1). Therefore, two separate initial areas of concern and final action area maps are created for the separate categories.

Dimethoate Initial Area of Concern



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Land Cover

Base mapping land cover layers for the initial area of concern analysis were obtained from the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD 2001) for the majority of land use types and the California GAP data (1998) for the orchard and vineyard uses. The NLCD was released as a nationally consistent, regionally indexed dataset in January 2007. The GAP dataset is from the Biogeography Lab from UCLA-Santa Barbara. These raster files were converted to vector using simplification and majority filter routines, and used in the analysis. The rights-of-way land cover layer was derived by combining road and rail information from TeleAtlas (2006) with U.S. Department of Transportation's National Pipeline Dataset (1999). Table C.2 shows the land-cover sources used for the initial area of concern analysis.

Table C.2. Land cover data sources.

Layer name	Base source	Description	NASS
Cultivated Crops	NLCD	Grid code 82: Areas used for the production of annual crops, such as corn, soybeans, vegetables, tobacco, and cotton, and also perennial woody crops such as orchards and vineyards. Crop vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation. This class also includes all land being actively tilled.	Yes
Developed, High Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 24: Includes highly developed areas where people reside or work in high numbers. Examples include apartment complexes, row houses and commercial/industrial. Impervious surfaces account for 80 to 100 percent of the total cover.	No
Developed, Low Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 22: Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 20-49 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.	No
Developed, Medium Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 23: Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 50-79 percent of the total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.	No
Developed, Open Space	NLCD	Grid code 21: Includes areas with a mixture of some constructed materials, but mostly vegetation in the form of lawn grasses. Impervious surfaces account for less than 20 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include large-lot single-family housing units, parks, golf courses, and vegetation planted in developed settings for recreation, erosion control, or aesthetic purposes.	No
Forest	NLCD	Grid codes 41,42,43: Deciduous, evergreen and mixed. Areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20% of total vegetation cover.	No
Open Water	NLCD	Grid code 11: All areas of open water, generally with less than 25% cover of vegetation or soil.	No
Orchards and vineyards	CA GAP	Grid codes 11210, 11211 and 11212. This is the only CA GAP reference.	Yes
Pasture/Hay	NLCD	Grid code 81: Areas of grasses, legumes, or grass-legume mixtures planted for livestock grazing or the production of seed or hay crops, typically on a perennial cycle. Pasture/hay vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation.	Yes
Wetlands	NLCD	Grid codes 90, 95: Woody wetlands and emergent herbaceous.	No
Turf	NLCD	A derived NLCD class based on developed classes and the impervious surface layer with corrections applied.	No
Rights-of-way	US DOT; TeleAtlas	A derived class using road, rail, and pipeline coverages.	No

Land Cover by County

U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service census dataset (NASS 2002) was used to determine whether a crop was grown in a particular county. This census dataset provides survey information over five years on agricultural practices and is used mainly for cultivated or agriculture crops. For certain land cover types (cultivated crops, pasture/hay, and orchards/vineyards), chemical labeled uses were related to NASS uses, with allowance for multiple relates; an agriculture use match would result in a mapped area for one or more counties. For uses within other land cover datasets, the use is assumed to occur in every county where that particular land-cover occurs within California (*i.e.* a 'forestry' labeled use is assumed to potentially occur in all California counties where NLCD indicates there is forest land cover). Table C.2 lists the land cover classes that are used in conjunction with NASS data to determine the potential for chemical use at the county level.

Initial Stream Reaches

In addition to the land cover classes described above, the initial area of concern includes the stream segments found within those land cover areas. The stream segments are obtained from the NHDPlus dataset. For each stream reach in the hydrography network, the data provide a tally of the total area in each NLCD land cover class for the upstream cumulative area contributing to the given stream reach. Using the cumulative land cover data provided by the NHDPlus (http://www.horizon-systems.com/nhdplus/), an aggregated use class is created based on the classes listed in Table C.1. A cumulative percent cropped area (PCA) is calculated for each stream reach based on the aggregate use class (divided by the total upstream contribution area).

C.3 Action Area Determination

The action area is determined by extending the initial area of concern to include the total area where the Agency's Levels of Concern (LOCs) are exceeded. It should be noted, that the scope of this assessment limits consideration of the overall action area to those portions that may be applicable to the protection of the CRLF and its designated critical habitat within the state of California. The action area is obtained by adding any necessary spray drift buffer distances and the downstream extent of potential runoff to flowing water bodies. In the event that no additional buffer distances or downstream stream segments are necessary for a given chemical, the action area would be the same as the initial area of concern. The action area is determined in two ways: the spray drift action area (which includes terrestrial areas and non-flowing water bodies) and the downstream dilution action area (which includes flowing water bodies).

Spray Drift Action Area

It is necessary to estimate the distance from the application site where spray drift exposures do not result in LOC exceedances for non-target animals and plants within the given initial area of concern. AgDRIFT and/or AgDISP spray drift models are used to determine the buffer distance required from the initial area of concern where no LOCs are exceeded. Land cover areas within the initial area of concern are then buffered using ArcGIS 9.2 with the distance predicted by the

spray drift models. The addition of spray drift buffers expands the aerial coverage of the initial area of concern, defined by land cover information corresponding to the pesticide's labeled uses. It is assumed that non-flowing water bodies (or potential CRLF habitat) are included within the spray drift action area.

Downstream Dilution Action Area

The downstream dilution model is used to determine the downstream extent of exposure in flowing streams and rivers. The downstream component, combined with the initial area of concern, define the downstream dilution action area. The downstream extent includes the area where predicted levels of exposure could potentially exceed the highest RQ (risk quotient) to LOC ratio. The model calculates two values, the dilution factor (DF) and the threshold Percent Cropped Area (PCA). The dilution factor (DF) is the maximum RQ/LOC, and the threshold PCA is the inverse value represented as a percent.

As previously noted, the dilution model uses the NHDPlus dataset for the downstream analysis. After the stream segments in the initial area of concern are identified, the dilution model traverses downstream from each stream segment. At each downstream node, the threshold PCA is compared to the aggregate cumulative PCA. If the cumulative PCA exceeds the threshold then the stream segment is included in the downstream extent. The model continues traversing downstream until the cumulative PCA no longer exceeds the threshold. The additional stream lengths by the downstream analysis for the cultivated and orchard/vineyard/forest action areas are presented in Tables C.3 and C.4, respectively.

Table C.3. Dimethoate cultivated crop downstream dilution spatial summary results.

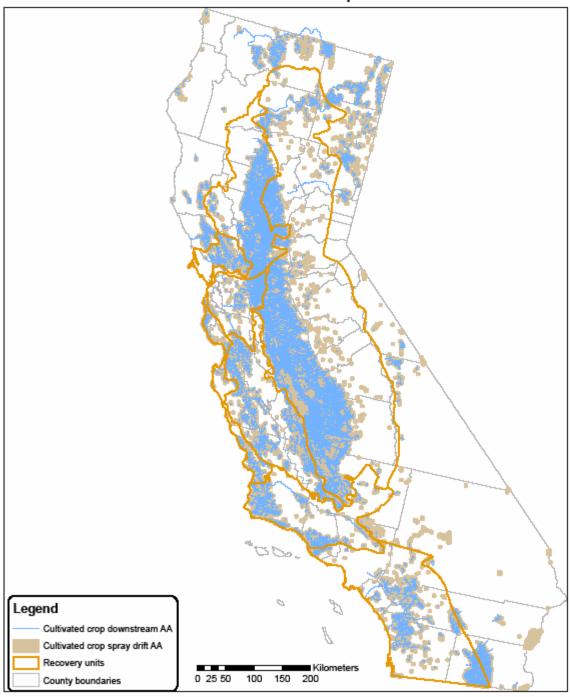
Measure	Total
Total California stream kilometers	332,962
Total stream kilometers in initial area of concern	56,589
Total stream kilometers added downstream	4,508
Total stream kilometers in final action area	61,097

Table C.4. Dimethoate orchard/vineyard & forest downstream dilution spatial summary results.

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Measure	Total		
Total California stream kilometers	332,962		
Total stream kilometers in initial area of concern	153,902		
Total stream kilometers added downstream	24,530		
Total stream kilometers in final action area	178,432		

The final action area maps for dimethoate uses on cultivated crops and orchards, vineyards and forestry areas are below.

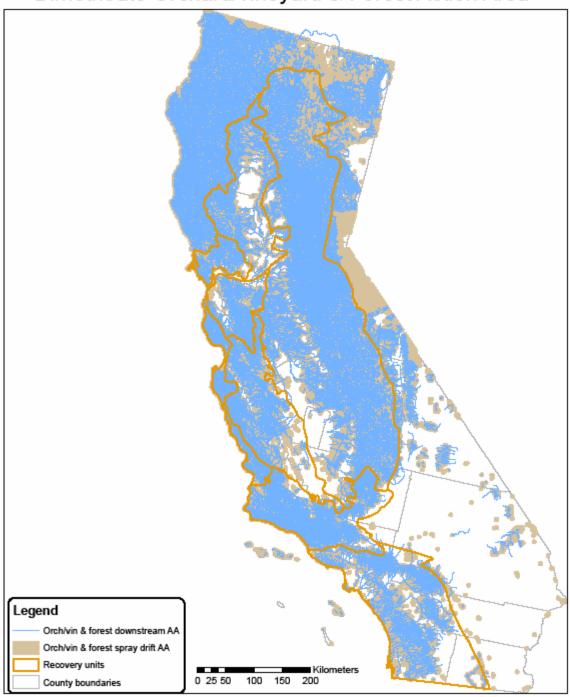
Dimethoate Cultivated Crop Action Area



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Dimethoate Orchard/vineyard & Forest Action Area

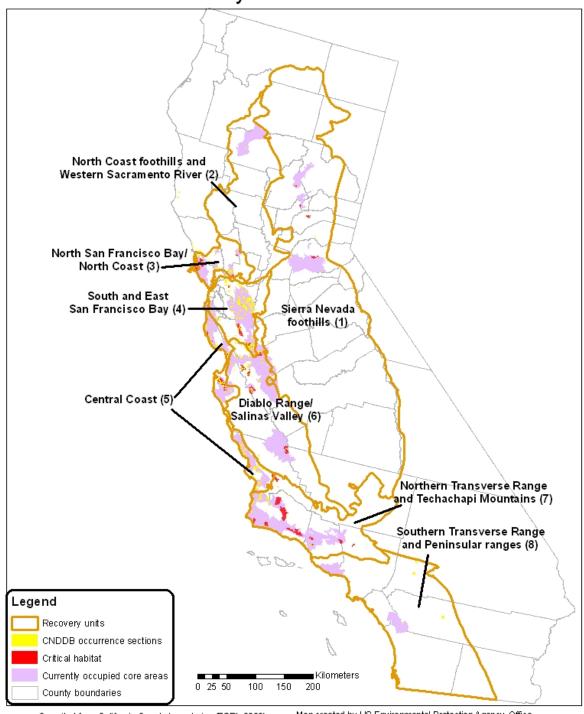


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C.4. Overlap of Action Area with CRLF habitat

The overlap of the 'Action Area' with CRLF habitat areas is named 'Overlapping Area' and is the target of spatial analysis. The ratio of Overlapping Area to CRLF habitat area is reported for each of eight Recovery Units (RU1 to RU8) relevant to the CRLF. There are three types of CRLF habitat areas considered in this assessment: critical habitat (CH), currently occupied core areas, and California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) occurrence sections. Recovery zones are also used to present summary habitat overlap information. Spatial data describing the recovery zones and core areas are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Critical habitat areas were obtained from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Critical Habitat Portal (http://crithab.fws.gov). Survey section data representing are from the CNDDB (http://www.dfg.ca.gov/bdb/html/cnddb.html). The occurrence sections represent habitat areas that are generalized to the Meridian Range and Township Section (MTRS) one square mile units in order to obfuscate actual habitat areas. As such, only occurrence section counts are provided and not the area potentially affected. Recovery units, CRLF habitat and occurrences are depicted in the map titled: "CRLF Recovery Units and Habitat Areas."

CRLF Recovery Units and Habitat Areas



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In order to confirm that uses of this chemical have the potential to affect the CRLF or its habitat through direct applications or through spray drift and/or runoff, an analysis of the overlap of CRLF habitat and the action area was performed. Spatial analysis using ArcGIS 9.2 is performed to determine whether there is overlap. Results for the cultivated crops and the orchard/vineyard/forestry action areas are depicted in Tables C.5 and C.6, respectively. A detailed analysis of the overlap of the two action areas and CRLF habitat by Recovery Unit and by county is provided below, as well as detailed overlap maps for each action area.

Table C.5. Dimethoate cultivated crops - spray drift action area & CRLF habitat overlap spatial summary results by recovery unit (RU#).

Measure	RU1	RU2	RU3	RU4	RU5	RU6	RU7	RU8	Total
Established species range area	2894	1224	1244	3228	3712	4921	4840	1377	23,440
(CH plus core in sq km)									
Overlapping area (sq km)	930	59	239	1609	2250	1921	2407	393	9,811
Percent area affected	32%	5%	19%	50%	61%	39%	50%	29%	42%
Established occurrence sections	13	3	70	328	281	122	92	33	942
(972 total; 30 outside recovery									
units)									
# Occurrence sections affected*	3	0	29	210	243	84	80	27	679

^{** 3} occurrence sections intersected outside of recovery zones

Table C.6. Dimethoate cultivated crops - spray drift action area & CRLF habitat overlap spatial summary results by recovery unit (RU#).

Measure	RU1	RU2	RU3	RU4	RU5	RU6	RU7	RU8	Total
Established species range area (CH	2894	1224	1244	3228	3712	4921	4840	1377	23,440
plus core in sq km)									
Overlapping area (sq km)	2817	1186	1238	3132	3668	4297	4801	1374	22,520
Percent area affected	97%	97%	100%	97%	99%	87%	99%	100%	96%
**									
Established occurrence sections	13	3	70	328	281	122	92	33	942
(972 total; 30 outside recovery									
units)									
# Occurrence sections affected **	13	3	70	325	281	121	92	33	968
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^{** 30} occurrence sections intersected outside of recovery zones

A detailed analysis of the overlap of the cultivated and orchard/vineyard/forestry action areas with CRLF habitats is provided below:

Cultivated	
10524 meter	buffer

Stanislaus	0.4	0.0%	
Total area for RU 4:	1,609	49.8%	

Recovery Unit 1 (2894 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Amador	187.9	6.5%
Butte	8.6	0.3%
El Dorado	455.1	15.7%
Fresno	54.8	1.9%
Merced	156.2	5.4%
Plumas	30.9	1.1%
Sacramento	11.8	0.4%
San Joaquin	1.3	0.0%
Shasta	3.1	0.1%
Tehama	18.4	0.6%
Yuba	2.0	0.1%
Total area for	RU 1: 930	32.1%

Recovery Unit 2 (1224 sq km habitat)

<u>Use</u>	Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Shasta	52.8	4.3%
Solano	0.1	0.0%
Tehama	6.1	0.5%
Yolo	0.0	0.0%
Total area for RU	J 2: 59	4.8%

Recovery Unit 3 (1244 sq km habitat)						
Use Area	a Overlap	Area/RU hab. %				
Marin	2.3	0.2%				
Napa	65.4	5.3%				
Solano	37.1	3.0%				
Sonoma	134.3	10.8%				
Total area for RU 3:	239	19.2%				

Recovery Unit 4 (3228 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Alameda	672.6	20.8%
Contra Costa	462.2	14.3%
San Joaquin	22.3	0.7%
San Mateo	215.2	6.7%
Santa Clara	236.1	7.3%

Recovery Unit 5 (3712 sq km habitat)

<u>Us</u>	e Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Monterey	372.1	10.0%
San Luis Obispo	1,005.6	27.1%
San Mateo	441.9	11.9%
Santa Barbara	0.3	0.0%
Santa Clara	1.7	0.0%
Santa Cruz	428.5	11.5%
Total area for R	U 5: 2,250	60.6%

Recovery Unit 6 (4921 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Fresno	22.2	0.5%
Kern	46.2	0.9%
Kings	0.0	0.0%
Merced	128.7	2.6%
Monterey	580.6	11.8%
San Benito	532.0	10.8%
San Joaquin	15.2	0.3%
San Luis Obisp	oo 421.1	8.6%
Santa Clara	120.6	2.5%
Santa Cruz	54.0	1.1%
Total area for	RU 6: 1,921	39.0%

Recovery Unit 7 (4840 sq km habitat)

<u>J</u>	Jse Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Los Angeles	4.1	0.1%
San Luis Obispo	27.1	0.6%
Santa Barbara	1,995.4	41.2%
Ventura	380.9	7.9%
Total area for I	RU 7: 2,407	49.7%

Recovery Unit 8 (1376 sq km habitat)

• •	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Los Angeles	33.9	2.5%
Orange	19.1	1.4%
Riverside	176.5	12.8%
San Diego	140.5	10.2%
Ventura	23.3	1.7%
Total area for I	RU 8: 393	28.6%

Orchards, vineyards, forest 10797 meter buffer

Recovery Unit 1 (2894 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Amador	242.5	8.4%
Butte	366.7	12.7%
El Dorado	1,255.4	43.4%
Fresno	104.9	3.6%
Merced	198.5	6.9%
Nevada	27.2	0.9%
Plumas	330.7	11.4%
Sacramento	80.8	2.8%
San Benito	51.6	1.8%
San Joaquin	17.3	0.6%
Shasta	6.7	0.2%
Stanislaus	2.9	0.1%
Tehama	29.1	1.0%
Yuba	102.1	3.5%
Total area for	RU 1: 2,817	97.3%

Recovery Unit 2 (1224 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Marin	10.3	0.8%
Napa	1.3	0.1%
Shasta	177.2	14.5%
Solano	39.3	3.2%
Sonoma	0.1	0.0%
Tehama	958.5	78.3%
Yolo	0.0	0.0%
Total area for	RU 2: 1,187	96.9%

Recovery Unit 3 (1244 sq km habitat)

Use Are	a Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Marin	836.2	67.2%
Napa	138.7	11.2%
Solano	124.7	10.0%
Sonoma	138.0	11.1%
Total area for RU 3:	1.238	99.5%

Recovery Unit 4 (3228 sq km habitat)

	Use Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Alameda	1,169.8	36.2%
Contra Costa	643.8	19.9%
San Joaquin	66.9	2.1%

San Mateo	298.8	9.3%
Santa Clara	838.8	26.0%
Santa Cruz	0.4	0.0%
Stanislaus	113.5	3.5%
Total area for RU 4:	3,132	97.0%

Recovery Unit 5 (3712 sq km habitat)

Use A	Area Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Monterey	945.8	25.5%
San Luis Obispo	1,461.0	39.4%
San Mateo	651.2	17.5%
Santa Barbara	0.3	0.0%
Santa Clara	3.9	0.1%
Santa Cruz	605.7	16.3%
Total area for RU	5: 3.668	98.8%

Recovery Unit 6 (4921 sq km habitat)

Use Ar	ea Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Fresno	54.8	1.1%
Kern	65.9	1.3%
Kings	0.1	0.0%
Merced	726.0	14.8%
Monterey	891.1	18.1%
San Benito	1,582.3	32.2%
San Joaquin	33.7	0.7%
San Luis Obispo	633.3	12.9%
Santa Clara	200.6	4.1%
Santa Cruz	55.4	1.1%
Stanislaus	53.4	1.1%
Total area for RU 6:	4,297	87.3%

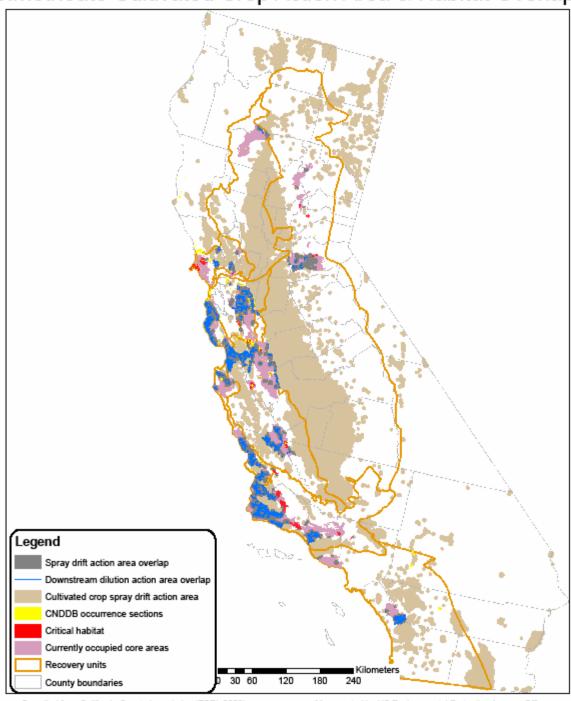
Recovery Unit 7 (4840 sq km habitat)

Use A	rea Overlap	Area/RU hab. %
Los Angeles	203.0	4.2%
San Luis Obispo	62.0	1.3%
Santa Barbara	3,194.1	66.0%
Ventura	1,341.7	27.7%
Total area for RU 7	: 4,801	99.2%

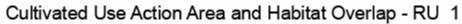
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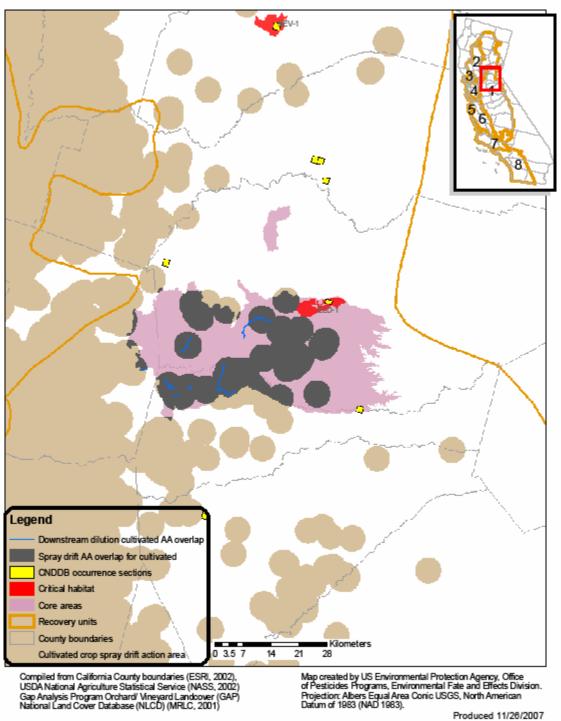
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Los Angeles	403.9	29.3%
Orange	157.9	11.5%
Riverside	403.4	29.3%
San Diego	198.4	14.4%
Ventura	210.0	15.3%
Total area for F	RU 8: 1,374	99.8%

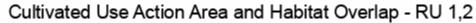
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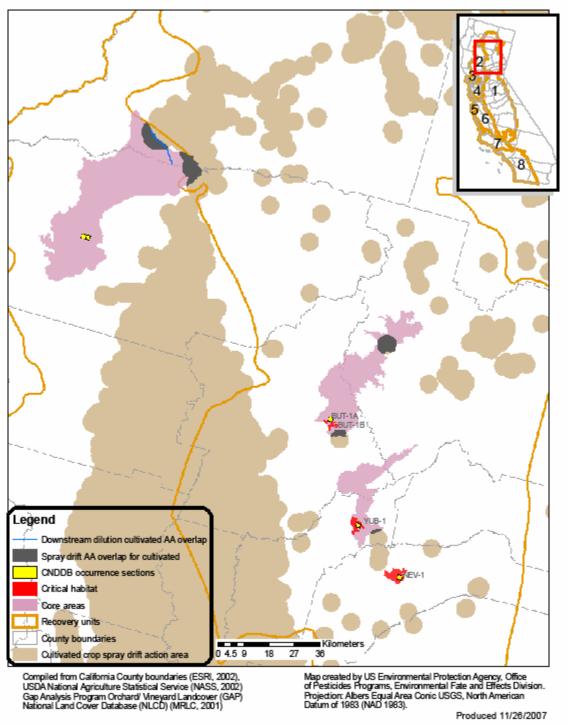


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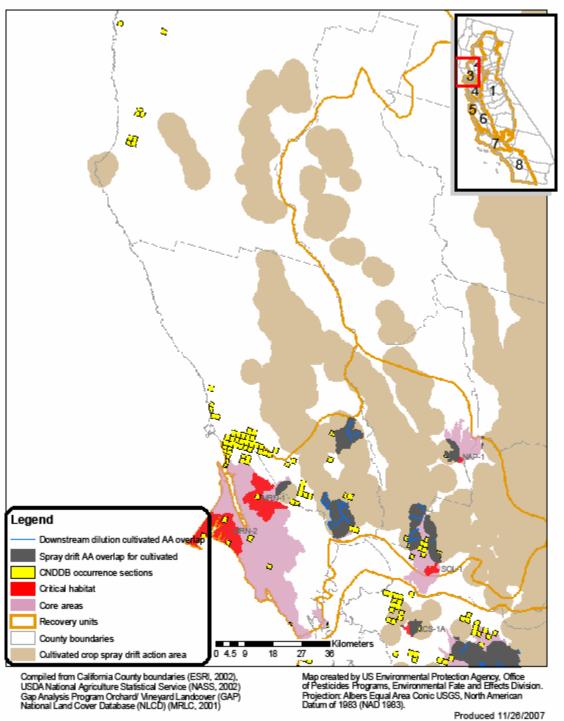




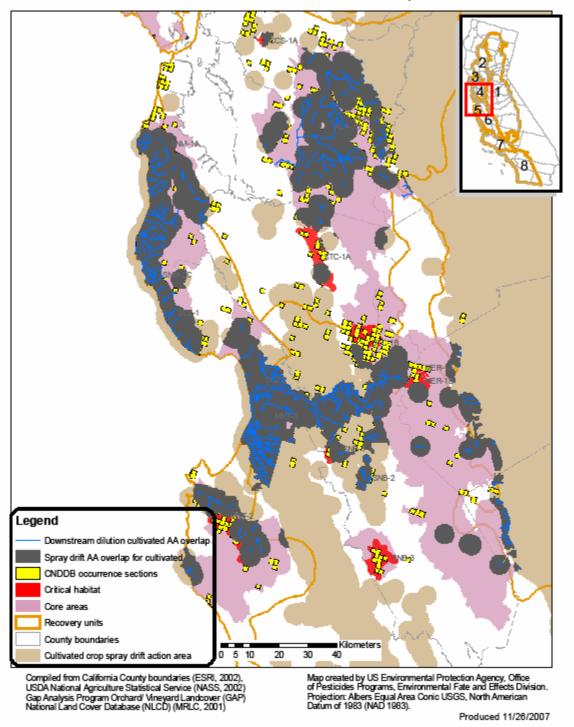




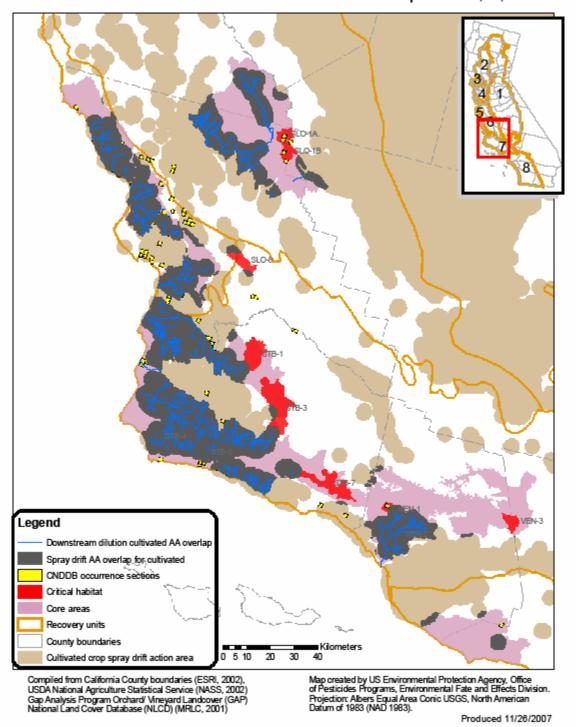


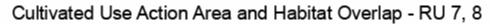


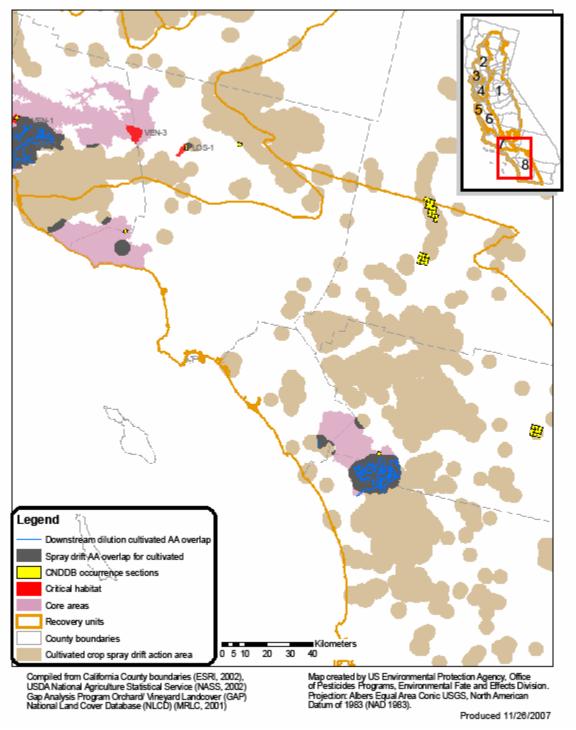
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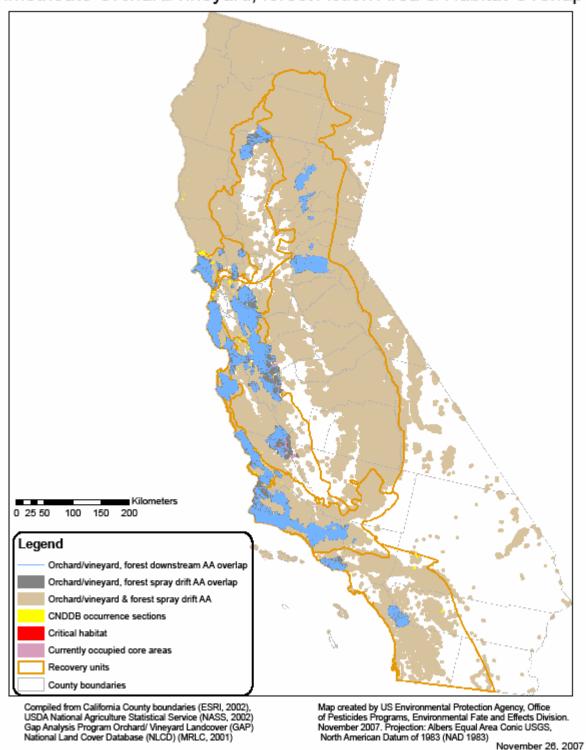
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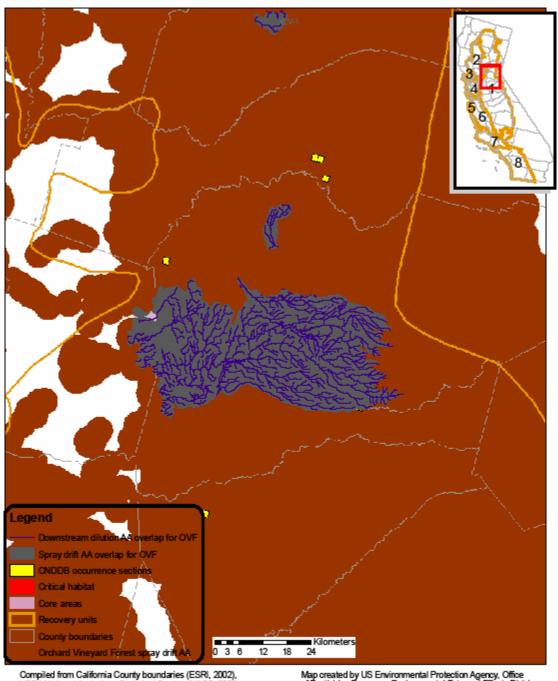




Dimethoate Orchard/vineyard, forest Action Area & Habitat Overlap



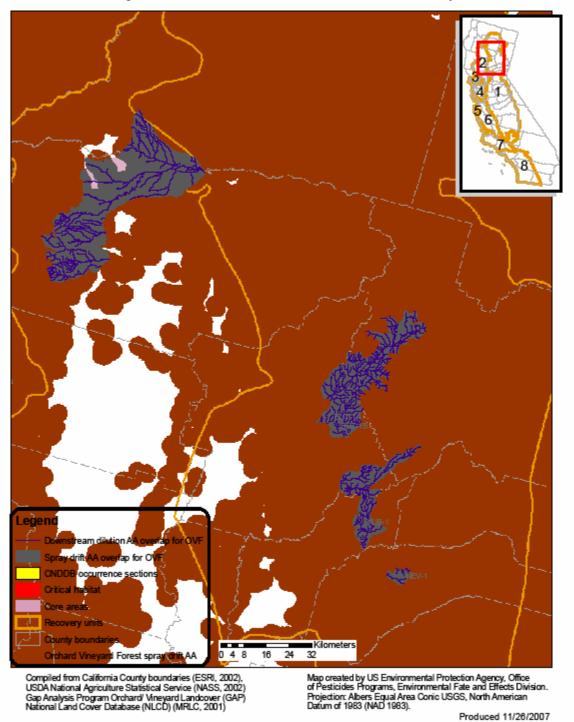
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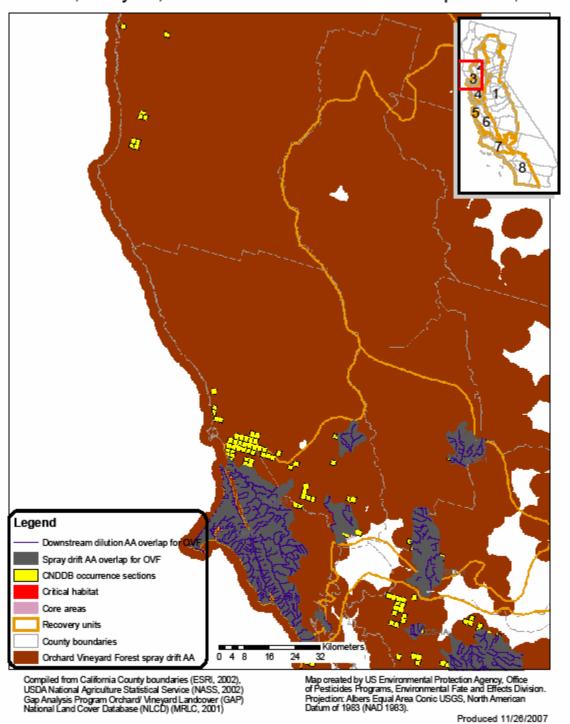
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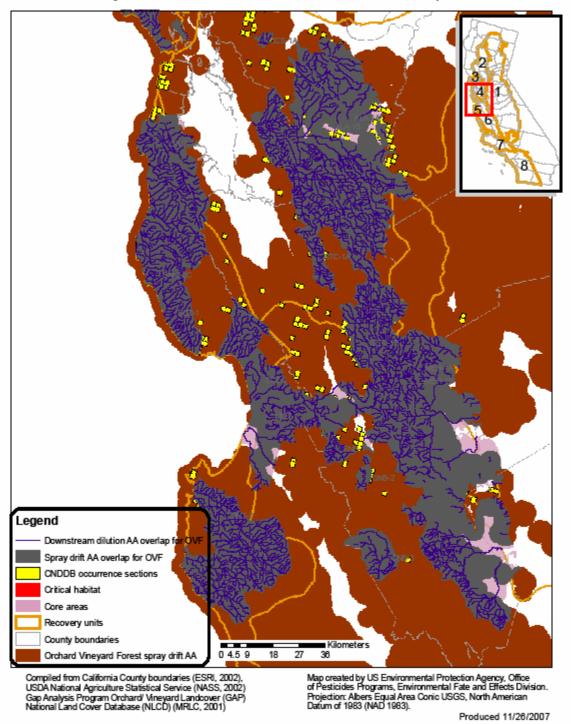
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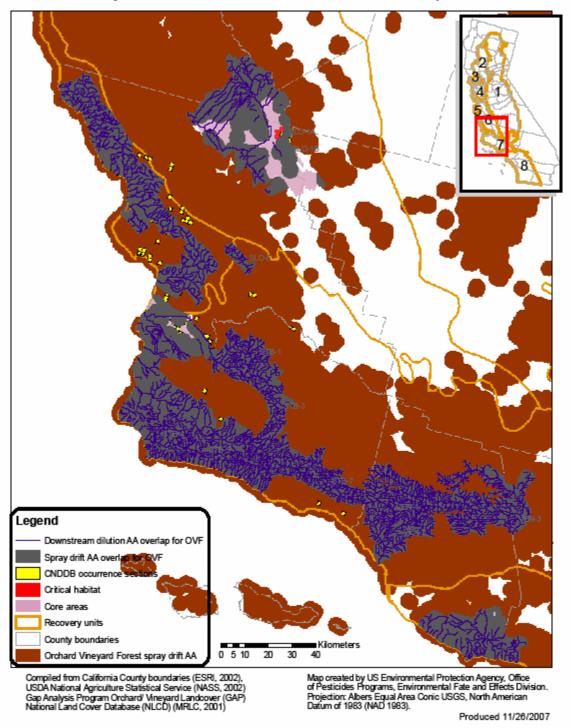
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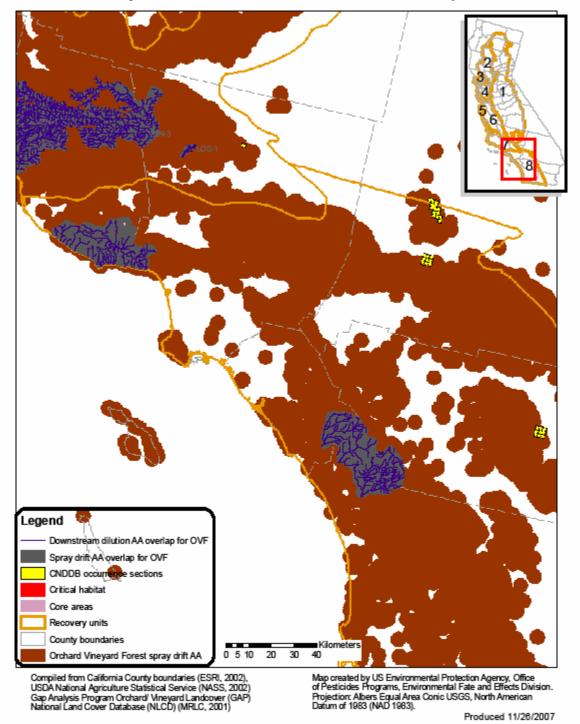
Orchard, Vineyard, Forest Action Area Habitat Overlap - RU 4, 5, 6



Orchard, Vineyard, Forest Action Area Habitat Overlap - RU 5, 6, 7



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C.5. Limitations and Constraints of Tabular and Geospatial Sources

The geographic data sets used in this analysis are limited with respect to their accuracy and timeliness. The NASS Census of Agriculture (NASS 2002) contains adjusted survey data collected prior to 2002. Small use sites and minor uses (e.g., specialty crops) tend to be underrepresented in this dataset. The National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD 2001) represents the most current and comprehensive collection of national land use and land cover information for the United States and represents land cover data obtained between 1994-1998. Because the NLCD does not explicitly include a class to represent orchard and vineyard landcover, California Gap Analysis Project data (CaGAP 1998) were used as a supplement to the NCLD for these areas.

Hydrographic data are from the NHDPlus dataset (http://www.horizon-systems.com/nhdplus/). NHDPlus contains the most current and accurate nationwide representation of hydrologic data. In some isolated instances, there are, however, errors in the data including missing or disconnected stream segments and incorrect assignment of flow direction.

The relatively coarse spatial scale and general classification categories of these datasets precludes use of the data for highly localized study. Tabular information quantifying areal coverage is therefore limited to the scale of individual Recovery Units. Additionally, some labeled uses are not possible to map precisely due to the lack of appropriate spatial data in NLCD on the location of these areas. To account for these uncertainties, the spatial analysis presented here is conservative, and may overestimate the real extent of actual pesticide use in California.

C.6. References for GIS Maps

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